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RESPONSE

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed 22 August 2002. The Office Action sets a one (1) month period to respond to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Office separates the claims into three inventions with Claims 1 – 7 drawn to an extrusion method (Group I), Claims 8 – 13 drawn to an extrusion die (Group II), and Claims 14 – 24 drawn to a cellular foam (Group III).

Applicants elect to invention of Group III (Claims 14 – 24). They do so without prejudice or abandonment of the inventions of Groups I and II. Applicants intend to file divisional applications that focus on the inventions of Groups I and II and reserve their right to do so.

Applicants thank the Examiner for including a reminder to amend inventorship upon cancellation of non-elected claims. In the above Application, cancellation of the claims of Groups I and II prompts a change of inventorship to remove Jonathan D. Park. Applicants concurrently file a request under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) together with the fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(I).

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions about this paper.

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